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TAGS: OVIP, LI (TOLBERT, PRESIDENT WILLIAM R.)

SUBJECT: TOLBERT STATE VISIT

REF: MONROVIA 6090

1. THE FOLLOWING, DEVELOPED DURING AND AFTER MEETINGS WITH
AMBASSADOR DENNIS ON AUGUST 30 AND AMBASSADOR HARMON ON
SEPTEMBER 1, IS KEYED TO QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN PARA 10,
REFTEL.

A) SCHEDULE IS ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE WITH THE FOLLOWING
ADDITIONS OR CHANGES:

ATLANTA: THE CONVOCATION AT MOREHOUSE IS NOW SET FOR
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, AT 11:00 A.M. AND WILL BE FOLLOWED
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BY LUNCHEON AT NOON HOSTED BY COLLEGE PRESIDENT HUGH

GLOSTER. GOVERNOR BUSBEE WILL BE OUT OF COUNTRY AT TIME OF VISIT. IN ATLANTA CONSIDERATION IS ALSO BEING GIVEN TO INCLUDING WORLD OF SID AND MARTY KROFT, LARGE INDOOR AMUSEMENT CENTER AT OMNI INTERNATIONAL, IN PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE.

NEW YORK: MAYOR BEAME HAS AGREED TO MEET TOLBERT AT 10:30 A.M. SEPTEMBER 30 AND WILL CONFER HONORARY

CITIZENSHIP ON PRESIDENT. NEW YORK UNIVERSITY HAS AGREED TO HOST DINNER ON OCTOBER 1 AT 6:30 P.M. FOLLOWED BY CONVOCATION AT 8:00 TO PRESENT HONORARY DEGREE.

NEW YORK: TOLBERT WILL ARRIVE AT UN HEADQUARTERS ON SEPTEMBER 29 AT 9:45 A.M. TO BE GREETED BY SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM AND WILL ADDRESS THE UNGA AT 10:45. HE WILL LEAVE THE UN BY 11:40 FOR HIS LUNCHEON WITH DAVID ROCKEFELLER. THAT EVENING PRIOR TO THE RECEPTION HOSTED BY SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM, TOLBERT WILL MEET INFORMALLY WITH MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF 77 AT 6:00 P.M.

B) TEA WITH MRS. FORD AND MRS. TOLBERT NORMALLY INCLUDES ONLY THE LIBERIAN AND U.S. OFFICIAL PARTIES. WE ARE INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING THE LADY-IN-WAITING.

C) SECRETARY HAS AGREED TO SEE TOLBERT PARTY OFF AT HELIPAD NEAR LINCOLN MEMORIAL WHICH IS NORMAL ARRANGEMENT FOR SUCH EVENTS.

D) DRESS FOR STATE DINNER IS BLACK TIE.

E) DECISION ON EXPENSES IS FOR LIBERIANS TO MAKE. WE PRESUME THAT THEY INTEND TO COVER WILLIAMSBURG EXPENSES NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 20 THEMSELVES, WHICH WOULD LEAVE USG RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPENSES INCURRED THROUGH THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 26.

2. LINCOLN MEMORIAL CEREMONIES WILL NOW INCLUDE TWO MUSICAL BANDS.

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3. GIFTS: AMBASSADOR HARMON HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT ONE TON OF LIBERIAN IRON ORE HAS BEEN SENT TO GERMANY FOR PURPOSE OF MAKING LARGE PLAQUE. HE HAS GIVEN US COPY OF TEXT OF THE INSCRIPTION, AND WILL PROVIDE WEIGHT AND DIMENSIONS OF THIS GIFT. IN ADDITION, AMBASSADOR DENNIS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED THAT WHILE PRESIDENT TOLBERT RELUCTANTLY AGREES TO EXCHANGE ONLY PHOTOGRAPHS WITH

PRESIDENT FORD, LIBERIANS WILL ALSO PRESENT GIFTS TO THE
VICE PRESIDENT (A WOODEN MAP) AND THE SECRETARY (LIBERIAN
IRON ORE ASH TRAYS). PLEASE CONFIRM.

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